

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 891 - SB 1060

February 17, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Fair Campaign Practices Act which holds liable any person, corporation, organization, entity or committee who publishes, broadcasts, distributes or causes to publish, broadcast, or distribute any false or defamatory campaign information knowing it is false upon certain proof; and provides for compensatory and punitive damages in such amount as the court may allow.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumption:

- The bill creates a cause of action for defamation against the party responsible for the distribution of false statements against a candidate and would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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